



Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program

Many communities, organizations and government agencies along Indiana's Lake Michigan coastline have protected and enhanced natural and cultural resources through grants administered by the Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program. Every year, LMCP awards **at least \$700,000** in Coastal Grants. **More than \$4.9 million** has been awarded for local projects since the program's inception in 2002.

The Lake Michigan coastal community is healthy and thriving for this and future generations

Purpose

The purpose of the Lake Michigan Coastal Program is to preserve, protect, restore and where possible to develop the resources of the coast for this and succeeding generations and to achieve wise use of the land and water resources of the coastal region, giving full consideration to ecological, cultural, historic and esthetic values as well as to needs for economic development.

The Coastal Grants program provides funding to communities and organizations that seek out social, economic, and environmental solutions that promote partnerships and balance the use and protection of the coast's valuable, yet fragile, resources.

Funding for the Lake Michigan Coastal Grant Program is provided by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Office of Coastal Resource Management, through the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include units of local government, state agencies, state colleges and universities, area-wide agencies, and non-profit organizations (special conditions apply).

Requirements

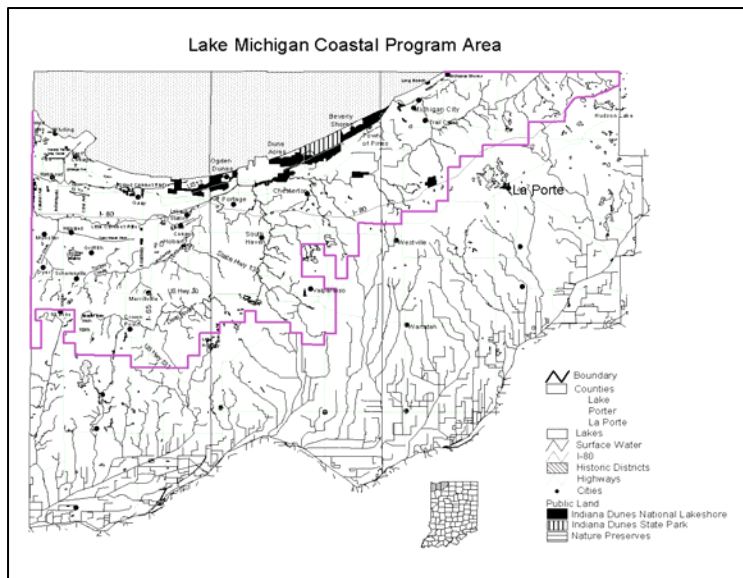
1:1 Match Rate

Project must be located within the LMCP boundary

Maximum Award:
\$100,000 - \$150,000

Complete project in 18 months

Grant funds are reimbursed



Project Categories

Low-cost Construction: \$100,000 maximum

Projects that result in the physical change of property and involve the use of machinery or hand tools, includes the construction of certain man-made structures for the purpose of public access and includes habitat restoration practices.

Acquisition: \$150,000 maximum

Projects that involve the acquisition of land from willing sellers of fee-simple or other public interest in land

Planning/Coordination/Management: \$100,000 maximum

Projects that assist communities and organizations in the coordination and planning for the management or restoration of natural, cultural, and historical resources in the coastal area.

Education/Outreach: \$100,000 maximum

Projects that improve the connection between the public and the natural, cultural, and/or historical resources of Indiana's Lake Michigan watershed.

Applied Research: \$100,000 maximum

Studies that produce new knowledge required for an identified coastal resource need of a community, land manager, or organization. Proposals must show a demonstrated need for this knowledge and how it will be applied to address the need.

Past recipients of Coastal Grant funds

Michigan City
Save the Dunes Conservation Fund
City of Hobart
Lake County Parks Department
Indiana Dunes State Park
Munster Parks and Recreation Department
Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission
Purdue University North Central and Purdue Calumet
Portage Parks and Recreation Department

For a complete list of project summaries and more information please visit:

www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich

Coastal Advisory Board Project Priorities

The Coastal Advisory Board (CAB) is made up of 27 appointed members representing various stakeholders in the Lake Michigan program area. One of the duties of the CAB is to solicit public input and vote on each funding year's priorities. Preference is given to projects that address one or more of these priorities. The CAB also provides valuable input on applications and votes whether or not to recommend the proposal for funding.

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